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COMMUNICATION REGARDING FORM 1449

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Dear Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the above-identified application on December 19, 2003. However, four references listed on the second page of the Form 1449 returned by the Examiner were not considered and indicated to be either missing or lacking a date.

It is respectfully submitted that three of the references, Nagasawa et al., O'Donnell-Maloney, and the abstract for WO 99/58716, were found in the U.S. Patent Office website file history for this application. Applicants note that these three references were all identified in the file history as "foreign reference".

The date of the fourth reference, NucleoLink, was missing. The date for that reference has been determined and is now being supplied.

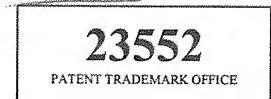
Applicants respectfully request that the four references listed on the attached Form 1449 be marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, and be returned to the undersigned with an official communication.

Respectfully submitted,  
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
						YES
	WO 99/58716 A1	11/18/1999	PCT			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
		Nagasaki, J. et al., "Immobilization of DNA via Covalent Linkage for Use as Immunosorbent", <i>Jrnl. of Applied Biochem.</i> , Vol. 7, pp. 296-302 (1985).				
		"NucleoLink™ versus CovaLink™ Surfaces", <i>Nunc InterMed TechNote - Molecular Biology</i> , Vol. 3, No. 17, 2 pgs. (10-1995).				
		O'Donnell-Maloney, M. et al., "The Development of Microfabricated Arrays for DNA Sequencing and Analysis", <i>TIBTECH</i> , Vol. 14, pp. 401-407 (October 1996).				

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